

# **EXHIBIT 12**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

AR BUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION )  
and GENEVANT SCIENCES GmbH, )  
Plaintiffs, )  
v. ) C.A. No. 22-252-MSG  
MODERNA, INC. and MODERNATX, INC., ) **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –**  
Defendants. ) **OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S EYES ONLY**

**PLAINTIFF AR BUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION'S  
RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS MODERNA, INC.  
AND MODERNATX, INC.'S THIRD SET OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 11–13)**

Pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the applicable Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, Plaintiff Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (“Arbutus”), by undersigned counsel, hereby objects and responds as follows to Defendants Moderna, Inc. and ModernaTX Inc.’s (collectively, “Moderna” or “Defendants”) Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 11–13).

**GENERAL OBJECTIONS & OBJECTIONS TO DEFINITIONS**

Arbutus incorporates the General Objections and Objections to Definitions provided in Plaintiffs’ Responses and Objections to Defendants Moderna, Inc. and ModernaTX Inc.’s First Requests for Production. These objections form a part of, and are hereby incorporated into, the response to each and every Interrogatory set forth below. Nothing in those responses, including any failure to recite a specific objection in response to a particular Interrogatory, should be construed as a waiver of any of these General Objections and Objections to Definitions.

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## **INTERROGATORY NO. 13**

Identify and describe in detail all known methods to Plaintiffs of determining the lipid content and/or the lipid molar ratio of a lipid composition, including the names of all individuals involved in developing such methods, the date those methods were first known to Plaintiffs, and describing any analytical validation of such methods including determination of each method's precision or accuracy. Your answer should also include an Identification of the Person(s) most knowledgeable about Your answer and an Identification of all Documents that relate to or support Your answer.

### **RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY NO. 13**

Arbutus incorporates its General Objections as though fully set forth herein. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory as premature to the extent it seeks expert discovery, as fact discovery is ongoing and expert discovery has yet to begin. Expert discovery will be provided according to the case schedule. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad and unduly burdensome, including because it requests Arbutus to “describe in detail *all* known methods,” “the names of *all* individuals,” “the date those methods were *first* known to Plaintiffs,” and “*any* analytical validation.” Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory as unduly burdensome and disproportionate, given that Moderna has not shown how Arbutus’s analytical methods are relevant to any disputed in issue case. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory as containing numerous subparts representing discrete requests, including because Moderna requests information regarding “known methods,” “the date those methods were first known,” “analytical validation of such methods,” “Identification of the Person(s) most knowledgeable” and “Identification of all Documents,” which is at least five discrete requests. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it seeks information regarding third-party communications or other information not within Arbutus’s possession, custody, or control. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is publicly available and therefore equally available to Moderna as Arbutus. Arbutus further objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege or immunity.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing specific and General Objections, Arbutus states that the lipid content and/or lipid molar ratio of a lipid composition may be determined using liquid chromatography, such as high-performance liquid chromatography (“HPLC”) or reverse phase HPLC (“RP-HPLC”), coupled to a suitable detector, such as an evaporative light scattering

detector (“ELSD”) or a charged aerosol detector (“CAD”). Other methods such as mass spectrometry may also be used. James Heyes and Edward Yaworski are individuals having knowledge about the foregoing methods. Arbutus incorporates herein by reference its response to Interrogatory No. 1, including any supplemental responses thereto. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33(d), further information responsive to this Interrogatory may be determined from documents that Plaintiffs have produced or will produce and the burden of ascertaining this information is substantially the same for Moderna as it is for Plaintiffs. *See, e.g.*, GENV-00037196–GENV-00039738; GENV-00068821–GENV-00069936.

Arbutus’s investigation is ongoing, and Arbutus reserves the right to supplement this response in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1).

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